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### END TERM I 2025 JOINT EXAM

### GRADE 8 – SOCIAL STUDIES

Time: 2 hours

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#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Write your name, school, stream and date in the spaces provided above.
- Answer **ALL** questions in this booklet.
- All answers must be given as per the guidelines of the questions.
- This question paper consists of **TWO** sections: **A** and **B**.
- Answer **ALL** the questions in section A in the table below.
- Answer **ALL** the questions in section B in the spaces provided after each question.
- Show all the workings in section B in the spaces provided.
- Do **NOT** remove any page from this question paper.
- Answer the questions in English.

#### ANSWER SHEET - SECTION A

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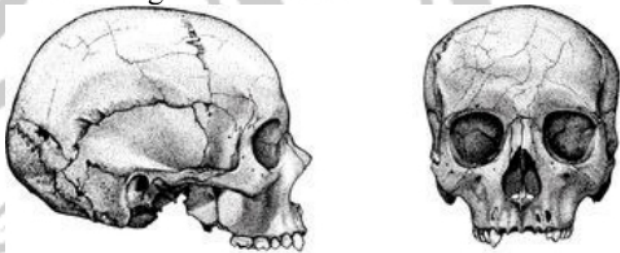
#### LEARNER'S SCORE

SCORES		TOTAL
A (Out of 30)		
B (Out of 70)		

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## SECTION A (30 marks)

**Answer ALL the questions in this section. Write your answers in the spaces provided on the first page.**

1. Which of the following is an important aspect of self-awareness?
  - A. Gaining a deeper understanding of one's strengths, weaknesses and values
  - B. Forgetting past mistakes
  - C. Ignoring feedback from others
  - D. Focusing only on achievements
2. Which personality trait involves taking responsibility for one's actions?
  - A. Empathy
  - B. Accountability
  - C. Confidence
  - D. Perseverance
3. Why is emotional development important for self-improvement?
  - A. It reduces one's ability to connect with others
  - B. It focuses on academic growth
  - C. It helps in understanding and managing emotions, fostering better relationships
  - D. It encourages individuals to ignore their feelings
4. The person below is:
  - A. happy
  - B. depressed
  - C. contented
  - D. crying
5. Which of the following best describes self-compassion?
  - A. Criticizing oneself for mistakes
  - B. Focusing only on personal success
  - C. Being kind to oneself during difficult times
  - D. Ignoring personal struggles
6. Which of these is a key trait for self-understanding?
  - A. Judgmental attitude
  - B. Over-confidence
  - C. Avoiding feedback from others
  - D. Reflection and introspection
7. Which of the following is a way to achieve career goals for self-improvement?
  - A. Ignoring constructive feedback
  - B. Pursuing education and gaining relevant experience
  - C. Avoiding personal growth opportunities
  - D. Focusing solely on job promotions
8. How can an individual improve self-esteem for personal productivity?
  - A. By setting achievable goals and celebrating small successes
  - B. By avoiding constructive feedback
  - C. By focusing solely on others' achievements
  - D. By disregarding personal growth
9. What is the relationship between self-esteem and personal productivity?
  - A. High self-esteem reduces productivity
  - B. Low self-esteem enhances focus and motivation
  - C. High self-esteem generally improves productivity
  - D. Low self-esteem increases effective decision-making
10. The drawings below shows:
  - A. heads
  - B. brains
  - C. bones
  - D. fossils
11. How can individuals with low self-esteem improve their social interactions?
  - A. Ignoring social feedback
  - B. Avoiding social interactions altogether
  - C. Focusing only on their own thoughts
  - D. Engaging in therapy or counseling
12. What is the importance of self-esteem in social interactions?
  - A. It helps to create stronger boundaries with others
  - B. It allows individuals to project positivity and engage in healthier interactions
  - C. It limits the ability to form new relationships
  - D. It encourages a negative self-view and leads to isolation

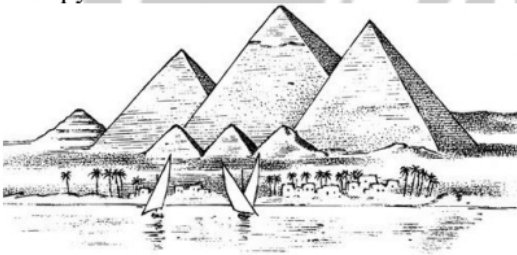
13. What is evolution?

- A. A process where living organisms remain the same over time
- B. A sudden change of organisms within a few years
- C. A natural process of gradual change from a simpler state to a more complex and better-adapted one
- D. A process where organisms adapt to a different species within a single generation

14. Which of the following best defines Natural Selection?

- A. Organisms with traits better suited to their environment are more likely to survive and reproduce
- B. Organisms mutate randomly to create new species
- C. Organisms can adapt rapidly in one generation to new environments
- D. All species evolve to become identical over time

15. The pyramids below are found in:



- A. Cairo
- B. Giza
- C. Nigeria
- D. Namibia

16. What was the main reason early mammals lived in trees?

- A. To escape from predators and for better access to food
- B. To evolve into a completely new species
- C. To develop flying abilities
- D. To find shelter from rain

17. Which of the following statements is true about Ramapithecus?

- A. First human species to create tools
- B. Primarily bipedal and walked on two legs
- C. Remains were discovered in Europe, India and China
- D. Evolved from Homo sapiens

18. The species Homo habilis is also known as:

- A. Upright man
- B. Thinking man
- C. Practical man
- D. Southern ape

19. Choose the third milestone in carrying out a Community Service Learning project.

- A. Planning for the project
- B. Problem identification
- C. Implementation
- D. Designing a solution

20. Which of the following characteristics is associated with Homo sapiens?

- A. They had very large jaws and teeth
- B. They developed refined speech and tools
- C. They were more than 7 feet tall
- D. They were completely hairless

21. Which of the following is a reason why East Africa is regarded as the place where man first evolved?

- A. Evidence of the earliest apes evolved around the Great Rift Valley and Lake areas
- B. The climate in East Africa was never conducive to human evolution
- C. East Africa was the first region to domesticate animals
- D. Early humans first migrated from East Africa to other continents

22. How did the invention of fire help early humans?

- A. It made it easier for early humans to communicate
- B. It helped early humans travel to different parts of the world
- C. It provided warmth, protection and helped with cooking and tool-making
- D. It allowed early humans to build better homes and start farming

23. What is the primary reason fossils are important for understanding human evolution?

- A. They help to confirm the exact age of modern humans
- B. They give a complete understanding of ancient human lifestyles
- C. They provide evidence of early human relatives and their traits
- D. They show how humans evolved in all aspects in just one generation



24. Which of the following civilizations contributed to modern calendar systems?

- A. Ancient Egyptians      C. Romans
- B. Ancient Greeks        D. Phoenicians

25. Which of the following is NOT contribution from ancient Egyptian civilization to the modern world?

- A. The invention of writing systems
- B. The development of advanced irrigation techniques
- C. The discovery of the wheel
- D. The development of the atomic bomb theory

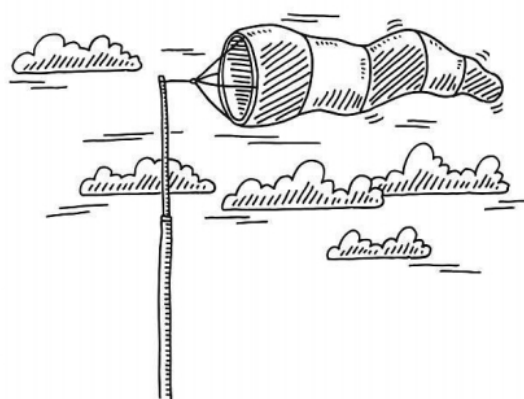
26. What is the significance of the Swahili language in East African civilization?

- A. It was only spoken by Arab traders
- B. It is the primary language used in early written records of East African history
- C. It facilitated cultural and trade exchanges along the East African coast
- D. It was only spoken in one region of East Africa

27. What type of material is used in the construction of traditional Swahili architecture?

- A. Mud bricks
- B. Coral stones and palm thatch
- C. Timber and cement
- D. Steel and glass

28. Identify the weather instrument drawn below:



- A. Wind vane
- B. Wind sock
- C. Wind gauge
- D. Wind instrument

29. The instrument in no. 26 above can be modified to measure all the following EXCEPT:

- A. speed of wind
- B. direction of wind
- C. temperature
- D. strength of wind

30. The following are types of fieldwork. Which one is NOT?

- A. Field excursion
- B. Field research
- C. Field
- D. Field study

## SECTION B (70 marks)

**Answer ALL questions in this section in the spaces provided.**

31. Self-improvement is an ongoing process of enhancing one's abilities, skills and qualities to achieve personal growth and development.

a) Name **two** personality traits for self-improvement.

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b) Name **two** personality traits for self-understanding.

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- c) State **three** ways to achieve educational goals for self-improvement in social life. (3 marks)

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- d) Maria wants to achieve career and professional goals for self-improvement in her social life. What should she do? (3 marks)

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32. A healthy self-esteem is foundational for overall well-being and success in various life domains.

- a) What is self-esteem? (2 marks)

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- b) State **three** ways of achieving high self-esteem. (3 marks)

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- c) Outline **four** factors that influence self-esteem in our lives. (4 marks)

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- d) Give **one** importance of having high self-esteem. (1 mark)

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33. The evolution theory is one of the most accepted theories of evolution.

- a) Who proposed the theory of evolution? (1 mark)

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b) Why is the scientific theory of human evolution is widely accepted? (1 mark)

c) List **two** characteristics of *Homo sapiens*. (2 marks)

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d) State **two** reasons why East Africa is regarded as the cradle of mankind. (2 marks)

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e) Explain any **two** changes that took place in humans due to evolution. (4 marks)

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34. Slavery is the act of owning and controlling another person against their will.

a) Who is a slave? (2 marks)

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b) Identify **two** forms of slavery and servitude in the traditional African Society. (2 marks)

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c) Explain **three** factors that led to the development of the Indian Ocean Slave trade. (6 marks)

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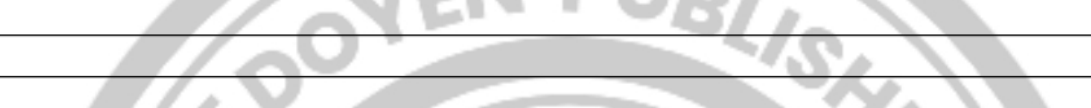
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c) List **two** types of democracy.

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d) Outline **three** human rights and freedoms.

(3 marks)

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37. Draw a sketch of the map of Africa and indicate the following: equator, tropic of cancer, tropic of Capricorn, tropic of Cancer, Prime Meridian and horn of Africa. (10 marks)



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